



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Northern Buttes District  
400 Glen Drive  
Oroville, CA 95966

**PROJECT TITLE:** Right-of-Entry and Easement to City of Chico-Couplet Project

**LOCATION:** Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Butte

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Issue a right-of-entry permit and a maintenance easement to the City of Chico at Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park to replace and enhance the existing sidewalk along the Esplanade, to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act as part of the "Couplet Project" SCH# 2010062002.

The City of Chico will notify the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Northern Buttes District, at least one week prior to performing work, including routine maintenance, within the easement boundaries. Advance notice is not required when responding to an emergency; however, DPR will be notified as soon as feasible after City personnel arrive at the site. All work conducted within the boundaries of the easement, including routine maintenance, will comply with all State and Federal environmental laws, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, California Environmental Quality Act, and Section 5024 of the Public Resource Code. The easement will provide legal access and use of this property to the City of Chico, while protecting resources.

Two Northern California black walnut trees will also be planted. One will replace a 2in diameter removed due to the Couplet Project and the other in the location depicted in the Historical Landscape Plan.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Northern Buttes District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section )  
☒ Categorical Exemption

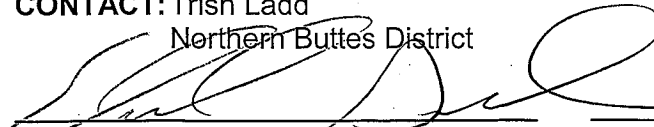
Class: 4, 5

Section: 15304, 15305

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of minor public alteration in the condition of land which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; included as "issuance of easements and temporary use permits" on the Department of Parks and Recreation List of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR§15400.4.

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